



PATENT
Docket No. 150.01110101

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Applicant(s): Uhlenbrock et al. |) | Group Art Unit: | 2822 |
| |) | | |
| Serial No.: 10/032,357 |) | Examiner: | Maria Guerrero |
| Confirmation No.: 4965 |) | | |
| |) | | |
| Filed: December 21, 2001 |) | | |
| |) | | |
| For: <u>METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VII METAL-CONTAINING SURFACES USING OXIDIZING GASES</u> | | | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."